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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL**

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the outstanding final Office Action mailed March 28, 2008. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims in view of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.